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REPORT

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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia
SUBJECT New Pistol and RG-34 Grenade

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PISTOL

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1. Issue

The sidearm lately issued to Czechoslovak Air Force personnel, and thought by Source to be standard issue throughout the Air Force, was an alleged 8-mm. automatic pistol (model unknown) which fired an eight-round clip. 1. [redacted] it was issued to some personnel as a replacement for the 7.65-mm. and 9-mm. pistols they had been using up to then. It was issued to officers, career NCO's (z povolani) and aircraft crew chiefs.

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2. Description

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[redacted] the new pistol apparently combined features of the Soviet 7.62-mm. TT-33 pistol with those of the Czech 7.65-mm model 50 pistol, 2. and [redacted] it had more features drawn from the latter than the former.

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The only differences between the new weapon and the model 50 pistol were:

- a. The overall length of the new pistol was somewhat greater.
- b. Its slide and frame were somewhat thicker.

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- c. It had a stirrup-type trigger, whereas the model 50 had an open-spur trigger.
- d. At the bottom rear of the butt of the new pistol there was a lanyard swivel.
- e. The new pistol had a grooved, moulded plastic grip similar to that on the Model 23 and 25 Czech SMG.

(For a sketch of the new pistol see Annex A.)

3. Assembly, Disassembly, and Operation

the assembly, disassembly and operation of the new pistol were the same as those of the Model 50.

4. Ammunition

the SMG rounds and those used in the new pistol were identical.

there was a plentiful supply of Soviet SMG ammunition in the Brno-Slatina area, and it had probably been left there by the Soviets during World War II.

5. Markings

no markings on the pistol other than the serial number. However, it was manufactured at the Ceska Zbrojovka government arms factory in Brno.

6. Additional Data

a.

men lately conscripted into the Czechoslovak Air Force received some orientation on it

b.

career men such were allowed to carry private sidearms off-duty if they so desired. For this purpose, they had to secure a private weapons permit from their CO. The privately purchased weapons could be fired at military ranges during off-duty hours, but the ammunition was not to be drawn from military stocks. It was either purchased or procured privately.

c.

old CZ-24 7.65-mm. pistols which were turned in for the new pistols were later re-issued to Industrial Guard (Zavodni Straz) and Plant Militia (Zavodni Milice) personnel.

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GRENADE

50X1 7. [redacted] the standard grenade issued to Czechoslovak
50X1 Air Force security personnel at the time of his defection was
50X1 the RG-34. [redacted] described [redacted] as an offensive-type hand grenade
50X1 which consisted of two stamped sheet metal parts screwed to-
50X1 gether to form the body. [redacted]
50X1 [redacted]
50X1 (For a sketch of the RG-34 grenade see Annex B.)

2 Annexes:

- A. New Czechoslovak 7.62-mm Pistol
- B. RG-34 Hand Grenade

50X1 [redacted] Comments:

- 50X1 1. Although [redacted] called the new weapon an 8-mm.
50X1 pistol [redacted] a 7.62-mm round as the type of SMG
50X1 round [redacted] fired from it. This round was chosen by him from
50X1 among four miscellaneous but similar samples. The chosen
50X1 round was actually for a 7.62-mm SMG (Soviet). The only
50X1 conclusion which can be drawn from this is that [redacted]
50X1 [redacted] actually it was
50X1 7.62-mm.
- 50X1 2. [redacted]
- 50X1 3. [redacted]
- 50X1 4. [redacted]
50X1 [redacted] the model designation had never been established, and
50X1 the designation "RG-34" [redacted] is the first model
50X1 designation for the grenade obtained [redacted]
50X1 [redacted] If it is correct, it serves as an example of a
recent Czech policy of conforming to Soviet practice and
nomenclature.

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Annex A

New Czechoslovak 7.62-mm(?) Pistol

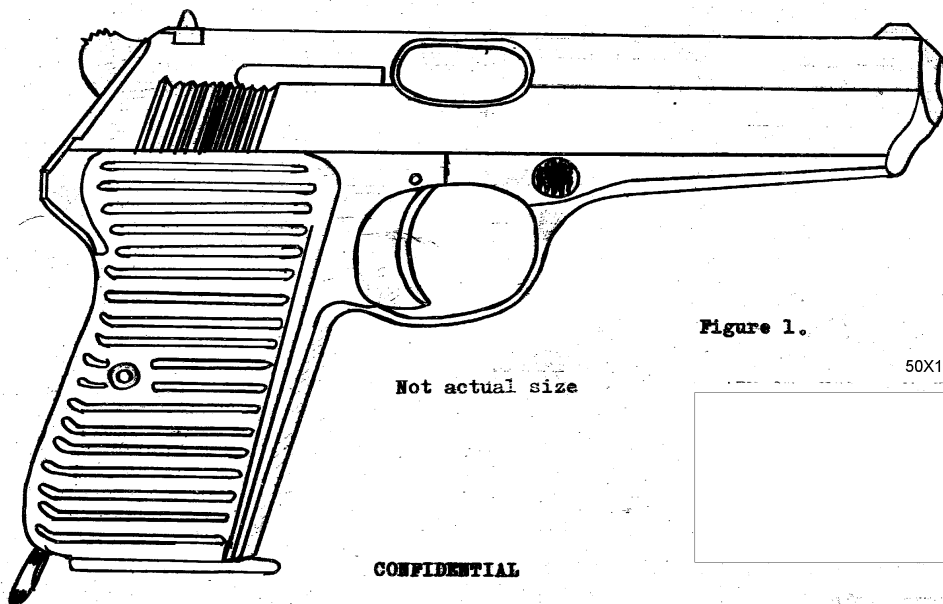


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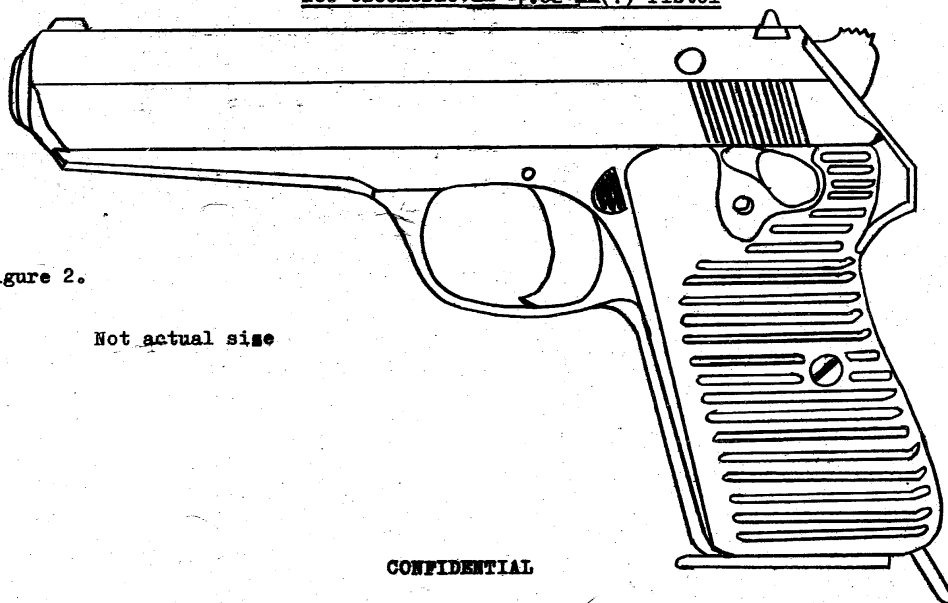


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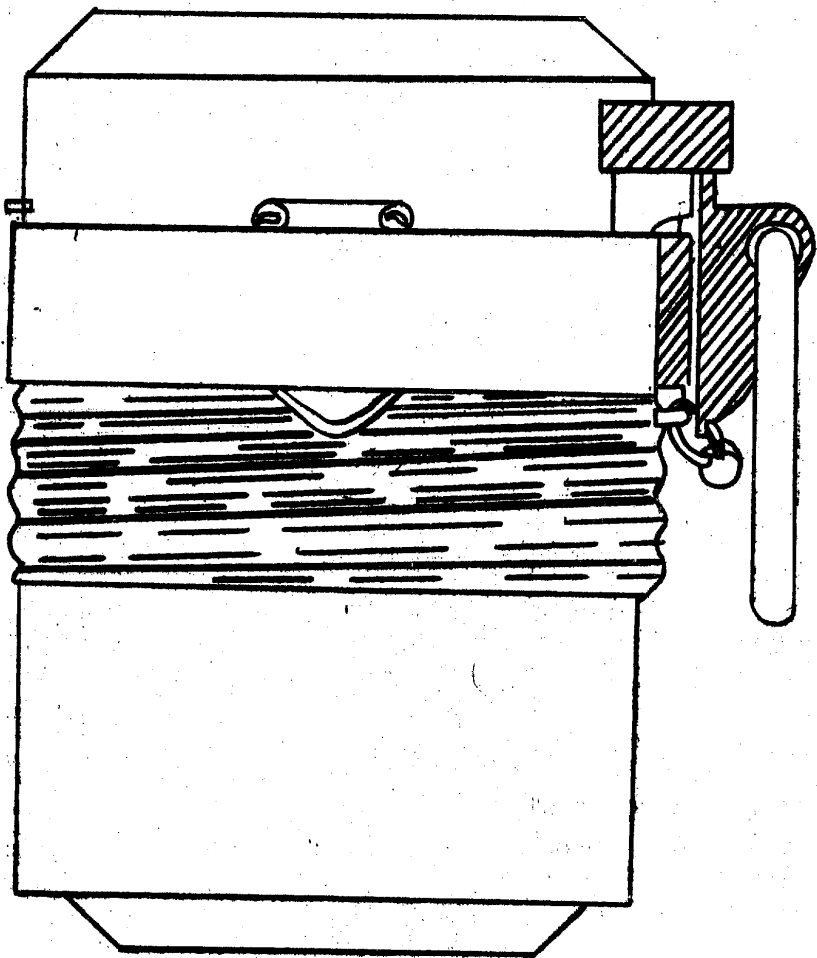
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Annex B

RG-34 Hand Grenade

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